

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2923 - SB 3973

February 25, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) with populations of 100,000 or more that are under Department of Education corrective action to convert up to three additional regular public schools into charter schools or to create three additional charter schools.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Creating three charter schools in Davidson County will shift BEP funding away from regular public schools and into the new charter schools. Such a permissive shift in funding is estimated to be \$4,631,400.

Assumptions:

- This bill applies only to Davidson County since it is the only LEA with a population of 100,000 or more under state corrective action. Currently there are three charter schools in Davidson County with a total population of 498 students, an average of 166 per school. It is assumed that the creation of three new public charter schools will have an equal number of students.
- The current per pupil expenditure for Davidson County is \$9,300. The total estimated shift in funds for three new charter schools is \$4,631,000 ($\$9,300 \times 498 = \$4,631,400$).
- Charter school sponsors, working in conjunction with the LEA, have the ability to set the number of students they wish to attend their school.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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